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First-Class Mail Cards
Costs by Weight Increment
(Category 4 Library Reference)

Introduction

This library reference provides the supporting analyses used to estimate test year volume-variable costs by weight increment for First-Class Presort cards and the test year volume-variable costs of First-Class Single-Piece cards. This is a Category 4 library reference provided in response to interrogatories OCA/USPS-215-216.

The methodology used to develop the costs by weight increment distributions for First-Class Presort cards presented here is the same as that used in USPS-LR-J-58. The supporting program documentation and program lists can be found in USPS-LR-J-58. Since all single-piece cards are assumed to have the same weight in RPW, only total costs are provided for single-piece cards.

Other testimony and library references used in this analysis include:

- USPS-T-11 for BY00 CRA costs
- USPS-LR-J-10 for the IOCS data set
- USPS-LR-J-112 for volumes by shape and weight increment
- USPS-LR-J-53 for the test year to base year inflation factor.

Organization

The cost by weight increment estimates for Presort cards are provided in the Excel workbook LR187PRECds.xls. Final results are reported in Tables 1 and 2, which are provided in sheets 'PRE Cards (detailed)' and 'PRE Cards (combined)'.

The underlying methodology used to develop these costs is discussed in USPS-LR-J-58, page 5.

The costs for single-piece cards are provided in the Excel workbook
LR187SPCds.xls.